

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for participating in the interview on September 11, 2008. The present claims and the references of record were discussed. It was agreed that deleting the word “bookmark” from the present claims overcomes the objection against this term. It was also agreed that a feature recited in the present disclosure—that the favorite link can disappear from the menu based on the favorite-link menu containing a certain number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created—is not disclosed or suggested by the references of record.

Applicant is revising the present subject matter to emphasize the feature that the favorite link can disappear from the menu based on the favorite-link menu containing a certain number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created. These changes are supported by the present disclosure, for example in the specification at 12:23—13:6. For clarity, claims 1-36 are being canceled without prejudice and the revised subject matter is presented as new claims 37-68. Regarding the five new independent claims now submitted, Applicant notes that new independent claims 37, 47 and 51—directed to a computer implemented method and computer program products, respectively—recite “a predetermined event comprising that the favorite-link menu contains a certain number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created”. On the other hand, new independent claims 55 and 65—directed to a computer implemented method and a computer program product, respectively—more explicitly recite steps of:

determining whether the favorite-link menu contains the number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created;

- (i) ceasing the association of the first user-selectable command with the favorite-link menu in response to a determination that . . . ;
- (ii) not ceasing the association of the first user-selectable command with the favorite-link menu in response to a determination that

The respective new dependent claims recite features supported by the original claims and by the present disclosure.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-36 were objected to due to the term “bookmark” that was added to the claims in an earlier amendment. It was agreed in the interview that removing the term bookmark from the claims will resolve this issue. Applicant is not conceding that the objection has merit, but new claims 37-68 have been drafted to avoid using the term at issue. As such, Applicant respectfully request that the object be removed.

Claims 1-36 was rejected under § 103(a) as allegedly rendered unpatentable by U.S. 6,069,628 (Farry) in view of U.S. 5,668,962 (Kitani) and U.S. 6,144,991 (England). This rejection is rendered moot by the above cancellation of claims 1-36 without prejudice. Without conceding that the rejection has merit, Applicant notes the following.

It was agreed in the interview that the references of record do not disclose or suggest the feature that the favorite link can disappear from the menu based on the favorite-link menu containing a certain number of user-selectable commands after the first user-selectable command is created. New claims 37-68 have been drafted to include corresponding language. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 37-68 are not disclosed or suggested by any of the references of record.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration of new claims 37-68 is respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this

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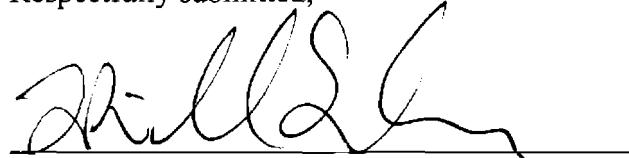
paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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